

## **FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

I have reviewed Environmental Assessment OR-030-03-011, including the explanation and resolution of any potentially significant environmental impacts. I have determined that the proposed action with the mitigation measures described will not have any significant impacts on the human environment and that an EIS is not required. This determination is based on the following factors:

1. Beneficial, adverse, direct, indirect, and cumulative environmental impacts discussed in the EA have been disclosed. Analysis indicated no significant impacts on society as a whole, the affected region, the affected interests or the locality. The physical and biological effects are limited to the Vale District, Malheur Field Office area and adjacent lands.
2. Public health and safety would not be adversely impacted. There are no known or anticipated concerns with project waste or hazardous materials.
3. There would be no adverse impacts to regional or local air quality, prime or unique farmlands, known paleontological resources on public lands within the area, wetlands, floodplains, areas with unique characteristics, ecologically critical areas or designated Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC).
4. There are no highly controversial effects on the environment.
5. There are no effects that are highly uncertain or involve unique or unknown risk. Sufficient information on risk is available based on information in the EA and other past actions of a similar nature.
6. This alternative does not set a precedent for other projects that may be implemented in the future to meet the goals and objectives of adopted Federal, State, or local natural resources related plans, policies or programs.
7. No cumulative impacts related to other actions that would have a significant adverse impact have been identified or are anticipated.
8. Based on previous, and ongoing cultural resource surveys, and through mitigation by avoidance, no adverse impacts to cultural resources were identified or anticipated. There are no known American Indian religious concerns or persons or groups who might be disproportionately and adversely affected.
9. No adverse impacts were identified to any threatened or endangered species or their habitat, determined to be critical, under the Endangered Species Act.

10. This proposed action is in compliance with relevant Federal, State, and local laws, regulations, and requirements for the protection of the environment.

Authorized Officer: s/Tom Dabbs Date: August 9, 2004  
Malheur Field Office Manager